

Wirick-Simmons House  
SE Corner Jefferson & Pearl Streets  
Monticello  
Jefferson County  
Florida

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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143 South Third Street  
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## WIRICK-SIMMONS HOUSE

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Location: Florida, Jefferson County, Monticello, SE Corner  
Jefferson and Pearl Streets, Lot 71.

Present Owner: Mrs. Lena Moore Clements

Present Occupant: Mrs. Lena Moore Clements

Present Use: Residence

Statement of  
Significance: This structure was built in 1831 by the Rev. Adam  
Wirick, a Methodist Circuit Rider, and occupied by  
Thomas Simmons and his descendents since 1871.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners:
  - a. Built in 1831 for Rev. Adam Wirick
  - b. Subsequently owned by Dr. J. Lawrence Simkins and C.W. Gwynn.
  - c. Acquired by Thomas Simmons 1871, in possession of his descendents.
2. Date of erection: 1831
3. Original plans: Originally the site included a two-story servants' quarters and kitchen, and also a smoke house which remains on the property.
4. Notes on alterations and additions: Only minor changes from the original.
5. Important old views: A Picture (undated) is owned by the present occupant. 1885 lithograph in possession of Jefferson County Historical Society. ✓
6. Sources of information: History of Jefferson County (1934-35).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: a two story, wood, Greek Revival house with two four-columned porticos with pediments, balconies, and elaborate wood cornice.
2. Condition of Fabric: Fair, but unpainted
3. Inspection limited to exterior due to extended absence of owner-occupant at time of survey.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Approximately 45' x 49' porticoes facing west and north, rear wing to south.
2. Foundations: Brick piers
3. Wall construction: Wood frame, lapped horizontal siding. Paneled pilaster-corner boards. Flush horizontal siding in pediments.
4. Porticoes, balconies:
  - a. North portico supported by four independent square wood columns first floor to soffit of gable portico. Separate square wood columns support balcony.
  - b. West portico supported by four square wood columns, first floor to soffit of gable portico. Balcony supported by iron brackets.
  - c. Lattice work balcony railings, vertical diamond pattern, independent of columns.
5. Chimneys: Two brick chimneys in main house, one in wing.
6. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: North elevation doorway has side-lights, 12 lights each, classic trim with fluted pilasters. West elevation doorways (two), transoms (12 lights). Doors paneled, some glazed.

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- b. Windows and shutters: 6 over 6 light double-hung windows, wood louvered shutters.
- 7. Roof:
  - a. Shape and covering: Gable roof on north portico intersects gable roof on house. Standing seam metal roof.
  - b. Cornice and eave: Heavy molded wood cornice with dentil course. Boxed eave.
- 8. Exterior hardware: Considerable strap hinges and shutter hardware, iron balcony brackets.
- C. Site: Structure faces north and west, enclosed by wood picket (square) fence. Opposite U.S. Post Office. SE corner Jefferson and Pearl Streets. Smoke house on property.

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